Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this extension from the Alur Bridge to reach the Kaiparamba Panchayat Road will not shorten the route from Trichur to Guruvayur by 8 miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will shorten that route to some extent.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will it be 8 miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will not be 8 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the approximate distance is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

High School in Mattancheri—opening of.

231. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—With reference to the assurance of the Government that a High School for the public of Mattancheri would be given, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have since given up the idea; if not, what steps have been taken so far?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The idea of constructing a building for the High School at a site accessible to all castes has not been dropped, but for want of funds no provision could be made for it in the next year's budget.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it because the Government thinks that the question of a High School at Mattancheri is not very important that funds have not been provided?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not a question of Government thinking about the importance. It is exceedingly important. But the Hon'ble Member himself knows that a huge amount is required for this High School. We have not been able to find sufficient funds for this High School.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is not the matter of a High School in Mattancheri far more important than the huge investment at Ernakulam? To cross over to this side as well as to the High School at Palluruthy there is a great difficulty. Considering all these aspects is it not more important than your huge investment for which Government was able to find funds.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The school in Mattancheri is also equally important. As soon as Government find funds they will start it. At present there is a school there—T. D. School.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—This year we have got a surplus Budget. So you have not got funds for it?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have got only a bare surplus of Rs. 20,000. This cannot be considered anything like a surplus.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know what the probable cost will be?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Including land acquisition it will come to more than Rs. 75,000.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether the Government can begin at least land acquisition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think anything could be done in 1110. Probably something could be done in 1111.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Has the Government any idea of the number of students in the High School classes coming to Ernakulam from Mattancheri?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know what the strength of the High School at Palluruthy is?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether all classes and creeds are admitted into the T. D. School?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it not necessary that all castes and creeds of Mattancheri must have a school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was conceded by the Government. That is why we should have a new school.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is there any prospect of the T. D. School being accessible to all classes of people?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—As far as I am aware there is no possibility of making that school available to all classes at the present site.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Instead of Government spending money for a separate building is there any prospect of that building or any adjacent building being utilised for conducting the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is no possibility of making that school available at the present site.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is not the present strength of the T.D. School such that it cannot accommodate any more students?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Quite true.

Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan—Is it not a fact that the T. D. School is not in a position to admit any further students?

Mr. I. N Menon—Conceded.

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is it the idea of the Government to abolish the T. D. School when a new high school is started at Mattancheri?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has not arisen.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Was there any correspondence with the T. D. School to shift the present school to some better place so that all castes and creeds can get admission?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There was some such correspondence, but not during the last year. They said that they are willing if they are given some land which was once theirs. After that there was no further correspondence.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether there is scope for the existence of two High Schools in Mattancheri?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are no two schools.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the other school will be abolished if the Government school is started there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is quite unlikely.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the opening of a school there if a sufficiently strong and commodious building is to be had on reasonable terms?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That enquiry was made. One gentleman had promised to give a building, rather a portion of a building, which would be sufficient for the present. But then he had some conditions which could not be accepted.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What were the conditions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't exactly remember.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to provide funds and lay the foundation at least next year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Every effort will be made to give it the earliest consideration.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If acceptable conditions are forthcoming will the Government be pleased to consider?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I know the existence of a building which is quite suitable and I think we can have it on reasonable terms. Will the Government consider that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the Government asked the T. D. High School authorities to admit all classes of people there?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—As far as I am aware during the last three years there have been no correspondence.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to ask them to admit all classes of people there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is very near the temple.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it not located in a part of the temple?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes. It forms part of the temple.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has a Thiyya Doctor ever conducted medical inspection in that school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know from the Medical Member whether when Mr. Krishnan was the Doctor there, he has not conducted the medical inspection in that school?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not aware.

Improvement in the economic condition of the people of the State.

232. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 20, dated 31st July 1933, regarding Longevity of Life, will the Government be pleased to state whether they still stick up to the answer "The Government can do very little for improving the economic condition of the people especially in a very little State like this. People themselves must do it"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government are doing everything in their power to raise the material welfare of the people.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, the Government are not sticking up to the previous answer.

President.—The Hon'ble Member must ask questions. He is always in the habit of making statements. The Hon'ble Member must put definite questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Government's reply was "the Government can do very little for improving the economic condition of the people" especially in a very little State like this and "people themselves must do it." May I know whether the Government are now sticking up to that position by this answer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is there. Whether it agrees with previous answer or not the House can decide.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We want to know the opinion of the Government whether the previous answer is right or wrong?

President.—The Hon'ble Member cannot ask for opinions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of that present answer may I know whether the previous answer was correct or not?

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